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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its relevant resolutions and decisions on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[1]

Recalling also relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolutions 66/288 of 27 July 2012, entitled "The future we want", and 67/216 of 21 December 2012, 68/239 of 27 December 2013 and 69/226 of 19 December 2014, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)",

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda;[2]

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on its twenty-fifth session[3] and the resolutions contained therein;

3. *Encourages* Member States to continue to give appropriate consideration to the role of urbanization in sustainable development in their discussions on the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals and to ensure policy coherence in the implementation of post-2015 development;

4. *Invites* Member States to adopt approaches that encourage participation of relevant stakeholders, civil society and levels of subnational government, as

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] E/2015/72.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 8* (A/70/8).

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appropriate, in order to foster discussions on economic, social and environmental sustainability;

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring consistency and coherence in the deliberations of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on agenda items related to the work of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), as well as with the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) and across the current consultations on major global issues, including on the third International Conference on Financing for Development, on the post-2015 development agenda and on climate change under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;[4]

6. *Invites* the General Assembly at its seventieth session to discuss the most appropriate way, including the possibility of convening an extraordinary session of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III, to advance negotiations on the outstanding issues in the preparations for the Conference, including the draft provisional rules of procedure, arrangements for accreditation and participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders in the preparatory process and in Habitat III, as well as other issues that might arise in the interim, and the proposals of the Secretary-General of the Conference on improved participation of local authorities and other stakeholders in the preparatory process and the Conference itself, building on the positive experience enabled by the rules of procedure and inclusive modalities of Habitat II, in order for the measures put in place to be effective for the third session of the Preparatory Committee;

7. *Encourages* Member States to establish or strengthen national urban policies in order to provide for coordinated development of urban settlements of all sizes and to fully harness the potential contribution of sustainable urbanization and human settlements to sustainable development;

8. *Decides* to transmit to the General Assembly for consideration at its seventieth session the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council for consideration at its substantive session of 2016 a report on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda.

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[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.